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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, MS #82
For Ross A. Chittenden ✓

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: RURAL (NON-MPO) 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 9

The Federal Highway Administration has completed its review of Amendment No. 9 to the rural non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (non-MPO) portion of the 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated July 22, 2005. This FSTIP amendment adds the Grasshopper Trail Improvement Project, located in Humboldt County, to the grouped project listing for recreational trails projects in the non-MPO regions of the State.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR part 450 and find that the amended FSTIP is based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process and was developed in accord with the statewide planning provisions in 23 USC 135. The change proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment is associated with a project proposed for implementation in an area of the State of California that is designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, is not subject to the requirement that a conformity determination be made. These findings have been coordinated with the Region IX office of the Federal Transit Administration pursuant to the single mode amendment procedures outlined in the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, dated July 15, 2004.

This letter constitutes joint FHWA and FTA approval for the inclusion of Amendment No. 9 for the rural non-MPO areas of the State into California's 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP.

Sincerely,

For
Gene K. Fong
Division Administrator

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